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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Hamilton DATE TYPED: 01/28/02 HB 51

SHORT TITLE: WNMU Web-based Teacher Licensing SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST: Fernandez

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
988.0				Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act \_\_\_\_\_

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files  
State Department of Public Education (SDE)

No Response  
Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 51 appropriates \$988.0 from the general fund to Western New Mexico University (WNMU) to establish a network for web-based teacher licensure.

#### Significant Issues

WNMU will offer all school of education licensure, endorsement and professional development courses via the web. According to WNMU, the coursework would be offered at the following learning centers: Silver City, Gallup, Deming, and Truth or Consequences. WNMU recognizes the value and importance of face-to-face instruction and will continue to provide instruction through on-site classes and television.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$988.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund. Funds are available for expenditure in fiscal years 2002 and 2003.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The 2001 Legislature appropriated \$400.0 to WNMU for this same purpose; however, the appropriation was vetoed by the Governor.

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